

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 2nd, 2018**

**SPY POND COMMITTEE**  
**Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

**In attendance:** Brad Barber, Harriet Noyes, Bob Noyes, Jane Howard, Cheryl Miller, Agnes O'Donnell, and Steve Ricci

**Facilitator:** Brad Barber

**Minutes:** Steve Ricci

**Next meetings:** Tuesdays Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7, Jun 4

- The **minutes** of the meeting held September 4th, 2018 were reviewed and approved.
- There was a brief review of Town Day. Among the comments: location was very good, displays were interesting. Wondering if more preparation can be done in advance next year.
- There was substantial discussion of a draft letter by Steve and Brad to DPW and Con. Comm re increasing frequency, severity and variety of invasive species. There were a number of suggestions that Brad would take into consideration on a redraft.
- Brad and Steve spoke on the meeting they attended at Mass DOT District 4 on September 15th. Striking were the number of representatives from the State (both from local District 4 and from Boston), the Town (Counsel, DPW and Con. Comm). There was a presentation by VHB Inc., the engineering firm which had been retained by the State. Preliminary strategies were reviewed and very preliminary cost projections developed.
- Next steps were to sample sandbar to better assess magnitude and boundaries (especially depth with respect to disturbing deeper sediment) and to refine preferred strategies.
- Brad raised the exploring the feasibility of Spy Pond being included in the 2019 National Lakes Assessment program.
- Under New Business was mentioned upcoming hearing at Con. Comm. regarding the building permit for 47 SpyPond Lane where at least one structure would protrude deep into Pond buffer zone.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM